

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

# **Purpose:**

To actively support and uphold the City's stated mission and values. To plan, direct and review the activities and operations of the City's Community Development Department including building safety & permits, planning, zoning, housing, economic development, revitalization and redevelopment, historic preservation, design/technology and transportation planning as well as manage the activities of the Town Lake Operations and Code Compliance programs; and to provide highly responsible, complex administrative support to City management staff and the City Council.

# **Supervision Received and Exercised:**

Receives administrative direction from the City Manager.

Exercises direct supervision over professional, technical, and clerical personnel.

### **Position Information:**

The role of the Community Development Director is to oversee City's activities in economic development and development services. The Community Development Director is responsible for the management of the Development Customer Service Center, the Rio Salado Project, affordable housing and sustainability activities. The Community Development Director is responsible for determining departmental policies; planning long term programs; managing the department's budget and handling complex administrative duties.

In addition, the Community Development Director develops and promotes a solid relationship with the general public; City Council; boards and commissions; various employee groups, other City departments; and other municipalities.

#### **Essential Functions:**

Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

 Administer, plan, and direct the activities of the following divisions / sections / programs: Economic Development, Revitalization and Redevelopment; Rio Salado Project; Business Retention and Recruitment; Affordable Housing

Community Development Director (continued)

Assistance, Development and Grants; Neighborhood Rehabilitation and Revitalization; Historic Preservation; Town Lake Operations; Planning and Zoning, Building Safety and Code Compliance.

- Advise, consult and provide information to the City Manager regarding redevelopment, housing, neighborhood rehabilitation and code compliance issues and policies.
- Communicate and work in partnership with and provide information to the development community and the public regarding current and proposed private and public planning, development and housing projects.
- Guide developers through the development/redevelopment process; coordinate site selection, negotiations, land assembly and project funding; oversee projects to ensure compliance with contract and all applicable City codes and ordinances, state and federal law; establish control systems to ensure timely and effective project implementation.
- Advise, consult and provide information to the City Manager regarding community planning and design, building permitting and construction issues and policies; make presentations and respond to City Council inquiries regarding sensitive or high profile development proposals, projects and applications of City Codes.
- Analyze, develop and present recommendations on complex economic development/redevelopment proposals; provide technical expertise in the formulation of recommendations on financial and development plans for various boards, committees, commissions and the City Council.
- Provide leadership and direction in planning and prioritizing tasks, strategic planning initiatives, and upholding the City's stated mission and values.
- Lead the City Manager's initiative to provide focused learning experiences and resources to improve performance and maximize leadership in the workplace.
- Administer and direct comprehensive programs; formulate and recommend policies, regulations and practices for carrying out the program; consult with and advise the City staff to coordinate the various phases of the policies, practices, federal regulations, ordinances and resolutions.
- Direct and participate in meetings with vendors, contractors, and consultants regarding the administration of work and/or contracts.
- Provide continuous effort to improve operations, decrease turnaround times, streamline work processes, and work cooperatively and jointly to provide quality customer service.

Community Development Director (continued)

- Confer, advise and/or direct division heads on problems relating to activities within their division.
- Facilitate the resolution of employee relation issues as well as represent the City in matters of concern to associations representing City employees.
- Advise and assist the City Manager, department management, and employees in a variety of work related matters including the interpretation and application of policies and processes.
- In conjunction with City Manager and City Council, formulate, develop, maintain and promote a vision for future city-wide community development.
- Direct, oversee and participate in the development of the department's work plan; assign work activities, projects and programs; monitor workflow; review and evaluate work products, methods and procedures.
- Coordinate activities with those of other City departments and outside agencies and organizations; prepare and present staff reports and other necessary correspondence.
- Make presentations before the City Council and other boards, commissions and community organizations.
- Supervise and participate in the development and administration of the department budget; direct the forecast of additional funds needed for staffing, equipment materials, and supplies; monitor and approve expenditures; and implement midvear adjustments.
- Select, train, motivate and evaluate personnel; provide or coordinate staff training; work with employees to correct deficiencies; implement discipline and termination procedures.
- Have a strong commitment to value diversity in the Department and the City.
- Perform related duties as assigned.

### **Minimum Qualifications:**

#### **Experience:**

Eight years of increasingly responsible management / administrative experience in at least two of the following areas:

- Planning; and/or
- Economic Development; and/or

Community Development Director (continued)

- Building Safety and Zoning; and/or
- · Community Development.

#### **Education:**

A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in business management, public administration, planning, architecture, or a degree related to the core functions of this position. Master's degree is preferred.

#### Licenses/Certifications:

None

## **Examples of Physical and/or Mental Activities:**

(Pending)

# Competencies:

Interpersonal skills: Maintain open lines of communication; establish a high degree of trust and credibility; and promote a workforce and environment that represents and values diversity of people and ideas.

Integrity: Abide by a strict code of ethics and behavior; encourage others to behave accordingly; treat others with honesty, fairness and respect; and take responsibility for accomplishing work goals within accepted timeframes.

Professionalism: Maintain composure and deal calmly and effectively in stressful situations; project an appropriate image of self and the organization; and take pride in work and the work of the organization.

Initiative: Work with energy, drive and strong accomplishment orientation; go beyond the routine demands of the jobs; perform effectively with minimal direction; and always strive to succeed and excel.

Customer Service: Understand customer needs; provide prompt, efficient and courteous assistance; follow up with customers; and actively look for ways to improve service.

Planning and Organizing: Approach work in a methodical manner; prioritize tasks and perform accurately and completely; allocate time and resources effectively; and develop contingency plans.

Dependability and Reliability: Responsible and consistent in fulfilling obligations; diligently meets deadlines; and complies with organizational rules, policies and procedures.

Community Development Director (continued)

Willingness to Learn: Develop and maintain knowledge, skills and expertise necessary to achieve positive results; anticipate changes in work demands and participates in training to address; and seek constant feedback.

Critical and Analytic Thinking: Use inductive and deductive reasoning to perform job successfully; critically review, analyze, compare and interpret information; and quickly understand, orient and learn new assignments.

Teamwork: Accept membership in a team; develop constructive and cooperative working relationships with others; identify goals and values of the team; and bring others together to reconcile differences.

Problem Solving and Decision Making: Ability to identify problems; use logic and analysis to identify and decide on the best solution to resolve the problem; and commit to a solution in a timely manner.

Job Code: 045

Status: Exempt / Unclassified